

THE MAN OF ACTION

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What is a vacation? Certainly it is not a mere change of place or of way of filling in time. The perpetual pleasure-seeker usually finds what he is looking for nowhere. Thus, though he may go from Florida to Japan, from the seashore to the mountains, he may slip after all into a worse rut of unrest than if he had stayed at his starting point. "Rushing around smartly," as Mrs. Eddy says on page 239 of "Miscellaneous Writings," "no proof of accomplishing much." It does not necessarily prove even the accomplishment of a true vacation. To say this is not to say, of course, that anyone need remain unfulfilled on one narrowly circumscribed portion of the world's surface and, year in and year out, stick to one human way of being busy. The eternal liberty to act, which is also freedom from supposed limits, is spiritual, the manifest infinity of Mind, regardless of any belief in matter.

In Genesis we read: "And Pharaoh spoke unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee; the land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell; and if thou knowest any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle." Though the Revised Version renders the phrase "men of activity" as "able men," obviously action is the only proof of ability. In story and motion picture the cowboy of western America stirs youthful admiration because of the apparent range of his energy, because he is indeed a man of activity. Today as in the time of Pharaoh and Joseph dominion of any sort, whether "over the cattle, and over all the earth," or over daily and nightly thinking, is vouchsafed only to the man of God's creating who is infinitely and vitally active.

It is this proving of complete dominion through knowing and showing forth the energetic variety of the divine Mind's action that makes up a continuously happy vacation. Spiritual intelligence and its expression has forever proved vacant mortal mind and the belief of matter for this true Mind and its idea never did live in matter or mortal mind. Allness could not possibly inhabit nothingness. And certainly since the divine Mind and what it knows is immutably all there is, even to suppose another mind capable of believing in matter instead of the substance of spiritual

consciousness is ridiculous. While the nothingness of so-called mortal mind is forever vacant, the divine Mind in its allness is full of unfolding joy.

This joy does not depend on the human concepts of place, time, heat, cold, society, comforts, novelty, excitement, or even mortal quietude. It is rather the glad understanding that the omnipresent goodness of God means for man omnipresent satisfaction in spiritual vigor. Whether in the midst of stately forests or of crowded city streets, one depending on Mind is able to experience always the exhilaration of understanding the true idea. Why does one person go to the great modern hotel that has been put up in the midst of the wildest mountains, and another to the little tent in the grove by the river? Clearly it is because the going and seeking are entirely mental, due to different tastes which are simply beliefs of different standpoints from which good is considered. The broadest human taste is that which can appreciate every seeming state of mind by seeing in place of it the infinity of the divine consciousness. As spiritual sense is awakened it turns to the divine activity, the former vanishes before the latter and nothing is left but the one boundless Mind which includes all rightness.

No change in earthly climate or altitude ever really affects health. In what climate and at what altitude does God dwell? The everpresence of Mind is health and strength and right living in every way. The true man dwells in this everpresence and is sustained and maintained in the atmosphere of Mind which is entirely apart from any mortal suppositions of dampness, rarity, dryness, pressure, or sudden variations. Thus the man of unlimited action created by God is forever happy in knowing only what God knows of infinite circumstances. His vacation is continuous enjoyment of the reality in place of any seeming whatsoever. Through his understanding of Principle he proves endless adaptability to the requirements of Principle and thus endless health.

On page 302 of Science and Health, Mrs. Eddy points out that "The material body and mind are temporal, but the real man is spiritual and eternal. The identity of the real man is not lost, but found through this explanation: for the conscious infinitude of existence and of all identity is thereby discerned and remains unchanged. It is impossible that man should lose sight of that which is real, when God is all and eternally his." Here she shows plainly

in the phrase "the conscious infinitude of existence and of all identity" what there is to the true man of activity and to the spiritual vacation. In no other way can anyone ever be fully satisfied than by proving that Life is indeed consciously infinite and yet always the same. For the real man this is already and eternally proved by God; and for the human being it is proved in proportion as human thought turns to this spiritual fact and to that extent disappears before the real understanding.

Thus the man of activity who is produced by the divine Mind is not a material creature going through a strenuously wearing and tearing round, degenerating into what has been termed "the tired business man," but exists entirely as spiritual idea. Idea, of course, can never be depleted or worn out or run down. Idea is complete, rightly nourished by Mind, immortally in proper motion. Activity in accordance with inexhaustible divine intelligence is all there is to the true, spiritual man. Just as the sun has to shine, so the perfect consciousness which is divine Principle has to be conscious or active. The very being conscious of the divine source and of nothing else is the harmonious operation of the great First Cause. To live wholly as spiritual idea operating joyously in accordance with Principle is to be man in the image and likeness of God. As Mrs. Eddy says on page 230 of "Miscellaneous Writings," in the midst of a beautiful article, "St. Paul wrote, 'Rejoice in the Lord always.' And why not, since man's possibilities are infinite, bliss is eternal, and the consciousness thereof is here and now."

CAUSES OF CRUSHING ITALIAN DEFEAT IN 1917 ARE PUBLISHED

ROME, July 25.—The findings of the government commission appointed to inquire into the Caporetto disaster, in October, 1917, where the Italian line was broken by the great Austro-German attack, were published here today. The commission's report attributes the Italian defeat to three sets of causes, which were:

First—The powerful influence of unfavorable propaganda which seriously affected the morale of the Italian troops.

Second—Political meddling with military plans.

Third—The military's lack of vision, necessary in modern warfare, underestimation of the enemy forces, and lack of preparation and material.

CHIEF TAHAN TELLS HOW WAR CLUB CAME



BY CHIEF TAHAN
Of Kiowa Indian Tribe

Many warriors made war against us, and our warriors who were not as many as theirs could not stand before them. Their warriors always defeated ours. So, at last our fighting men said, "the medicine of the High Hill warriors is stronger than ours, and there is no use for us to fight against it."

Then it was that one of our young men went away into a deep place of the prairie and fasted and prayed for a long time, and he fell into a kind of sleep. As he kept on praying in his sleep a white bear came and told him that the warriors of the High Hill defeated ours because their chief had a magic war club. Said the bear to the young man, "I will tell you how to make a stronger magic medicine than that of your enemies, and with it you shall defeat them."

When the young man woke up he did just what the bear told him. He got a smooth stone about the size of his fist and as long as his hand. Then

he found another one, but not so large. He took the first one in his left hand and began to strike it on the side near the end with the other stone, breaking off a little of the largest one every time he struck it. He kept on doing that on every side, turning it over and over until the end of it was kind of pointed. Then he turned it around and did the other the same way. After that he began to strike the biggest stone in the middle turning it round and round, till he made a groove all the way around it. Then he got some sandstone and rubbed and rubbed them against it until it was smooth. Next he found a little bush the size of his finger, trimmed the limbs off, put stone in the groove and twisted it a little. Then he went away and left it. When he went back to it after awhile the bush had grown tight around the stone in the groove. He measured the length of his arm from the tips of his fingers to his elbow, and cut the bush off just that same length. That is how the young man of our tribe made his magic war club.

CLUB CHAMPIONS TO VISIT UNIVERSITY

Through the joint courtesy of the Arizona Bankers' association, the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce and the University of Arizona, upward of twenty club achievement champions will receive free trips to Tucson during January to attend the second annual boys' and girls' short course.

These free trips have been given for the last four years, and the benefits the boys and girls have derived certainly speak highly for such type of achievement recognition. During the stay of the champions at the university which is generally three days, every effort is made through the careful blending of instruction and pleasure, not mentioning "good eats," to make the stay as pleasant and profitable as possible.

The regular Farmers and Housekeepers' week follows this short course, and if the champions can so arrange, they are urged to stay over. These free trips are only one feature of the many fine prizes which are being offered through the club work this season.

HAYDEN DENTIST CAPTURES BRIDE

HAYDEN, July 26.—The friends of Dr. Ely Phillips received a surprise this week upon returning from Phoenix where he had been taking the examination of the State Dental Board (and by the way passing very successfully) he brought with him his bride, formerly Miss Alice Mae Henry. Miss Henry was one of the most popular young ladies of Dallas, Texas. Dr. Phillips met her during his first year in Baylor Dental College, and during his three years course their friendship continued, culminating in their marriage July 11, in Phoenix, at the Hotel Jefferson by the Rev. Rock of the Baptist church. They spent their honeymoon amid the grandeur of the Grand Canyon. Dr. Phillips will locate permanently in Hayden in the offices lately occupied by Dr. Arnold.

Miss Henry, nurse at the Ray Con. hospital, left Sunday for Los Angeles to visit her parents.

Mr. Kelly returned from his vacation Sunday and is again at work at Knight Thompson Co.

Last Sunday the Hayden Club chaperoned to Ray and met defeat, the score being 15 to 3 in favor of Ray. Next Sunday, the 27th, Ray will send their team to Hayden where a hot reception awaits them.

Ivan Locke of the 115th Engineers, arrived from service this week and is working in the mill.

Mr. Elizabeth Masterson of Los Angeles came Sunday to visit her son and family, Mr. J. A. Masterson.

The Arden and Overall dance at the tennis court Saturday night was well attended.

Rev. E. C. Dagley, who has been out with the Boy Scouts at their camp near Oracle, will return Saturday and hold regular services in the church on Sunday.

Dr. D. C. MacIver of the Y. M. C. A. overseas force gave a lecture at the local Y on Saturday, the 19th. It was well received and the entertainment that followed the lecture delighted the crowd.

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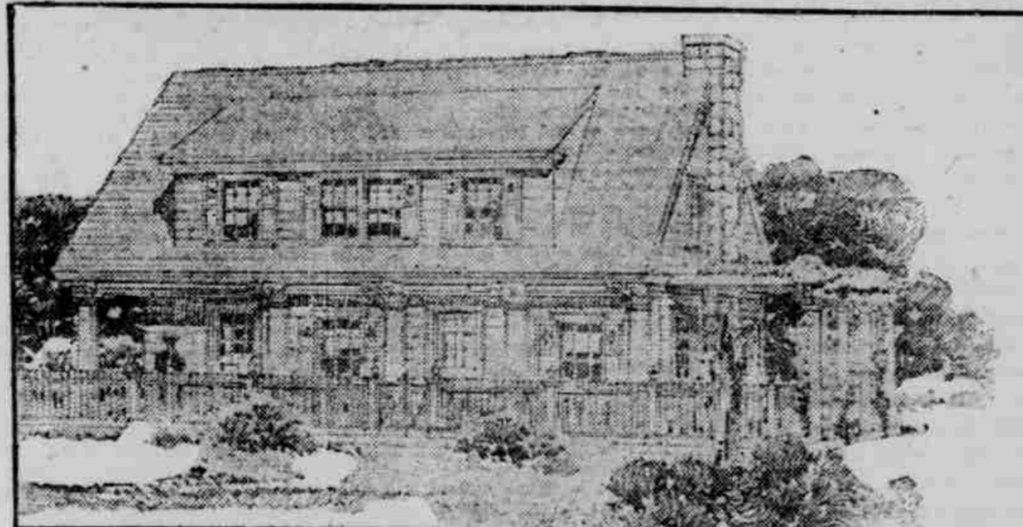
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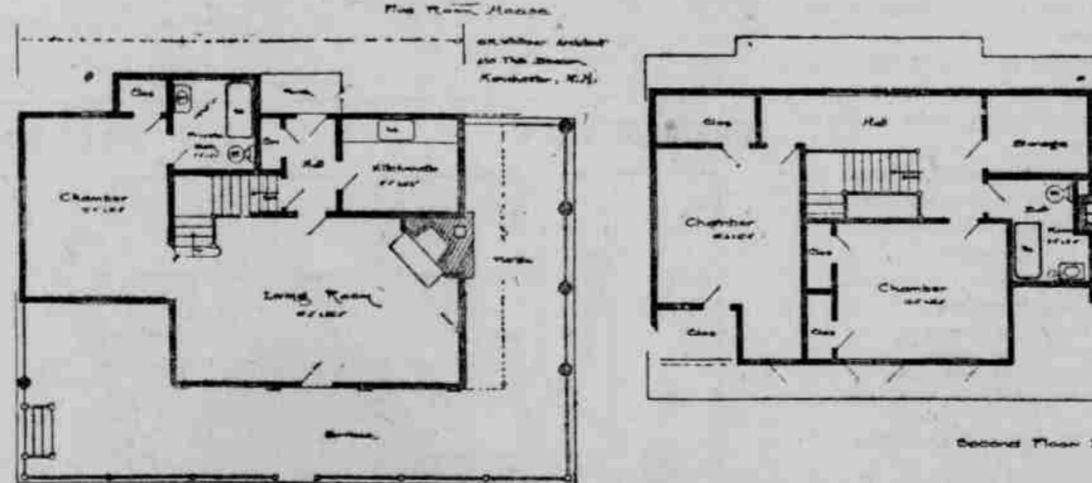
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